



ENCONTRO EUROPEU de SOLIDARIEDADE com TIMOR-LESTE EUROPEAN MEETING of SOLIDARITY with EAST TIMOR

MESSAGE TO THE 16th INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTA CONGRESS
AT MONTECHORO, PORTUGAL, APRIL 8-11-1983

The European Committees of Solidarity with the people of East Timor,
assembled in Lisbon on April 9th 1983,

Considering the dramatic situation of the Maubere people, victims
of the aggression and genocide of the Indonesian armed forces,
which have been responsible for the deaths of about 200.000 inhabitants;

Considering the persistence of armed resistance, led by Fretilin, in the
territory and the unpredictable effects on the stability of the region
which this unresolved crisis may create;

Considering the reorganisation of Falantil (the armed forces of Fretilin)
and its increased ability to offer resistance to occupation, as shown
by recent attacks against Indonesian forces in several towns in
different parts of the territory;

Considering the grave violations of international law and human rights
for which the Indonesian forces of occupation have been responsible
over more than seven years;

Considering the high human, social and political ideals of the International Socialist movement, and the powerful moral and political force
which it represents;

Considering too its concern about the situation in East Timor, expressed clearly at several different congresses and meetings, notably
at the International Socialist congress in Madrid, and the Women's
International Socialist Congress held this year in Portugal, when the
conference called for withdrawal of Indonesian troops from East Timor
and respect for the right of the East Timorese people to self-
determination, demands which we fully support;

Considering the verdict of the Permanent People's Tribunal in Lisbon
in June 1981, condemning Indonesia's aggression and confirming that
Fretilin's declaration of independence was legitimate;

Appeal to the International Socialist congress to reaffirm forcibly its concern and its demands for justice, peace and human dignity for the territory, under international law;

Appeal to the congress to consider and propose measures that will permit the member-parties of the Socialist International to act more effectively to defend the rights of the Maubere people, in the national and international organisations to which they belong;

Appeal to the International Socialist parties, including those in government to take effective and coordinated action in the United Nations and outside to promote a just solution which will respect the rights of the Maubere people to self-determination and independence and restore peace to the territory;

Appeal to the member parties of the Socialist International to urge the governments of their countries to vote in favour of the resolutions of the United Nations' Fourth Committee, the General Assembly and the Third Committee on Human Rights, which call for the withdrawal of Indonesian troops from East Timor and a diplomatic solution;

Appeal of the member parties of the Socialist International to work, together East Timor solidarity groups, in their own countries, to take practical measures that will assist the people of East Timor to exercise their right to self-determination;

Appeal to the member parties of the Socialist International to follow critically the actions and positions taken by their governments concerning East Timor;

Appeal to the member parties of the Socialist International to urge the governments of their countries to deny support to the Indonesian authorities which, directly or indirectly, might perpetuate the suffering of the Maubere people;

Emphasise the great importance and significance of the decisions taken by the Australian Labour Party at its last conference, according to which it undertakes, once in government, to withdraw Australian acknowledgement of integration and to take a diplomatic initiative supporting self-determination, in the United Nations and in other international organisations;

Recall the responsibility which the party has assumed at that congress and express their solidarity with its positions and stress that they represent new hope for justice and for peace in East Timor, following the victory of the Labour Party in the recent parliamentary elections in Australia;

Appeal to the International Socialist Congress and all member parties to support the positions adopted by the Australian Labour Party, and help it to fully realise its policy in practice, now that it is in government given the special responsibilities of Australia in the region;

Appeal to the Socialist International to give unequivocal support to the Portuguese State, as Administering Power recognised by the United Nations in its efforts to secure the withdrawal of Indonesian troops from East Timor, and reach a diplomatic solution according to the pertinent resolutions of the United Nations, notably Resolution 1514 (XV) of 1960;

Appeal to the Socialist International to give unequivocal support to the Socialist Party of Portugal, in the actions it will take to secure the complete withdrawal of Indonesian troops from East Timor, and full respect for the Maubere people's right to self-determination and independence, in justice and in peace, according to international law.